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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed October 27, 2003, a response to which is due January 27, 2004.

REMARKSApplicants Response to Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-5, and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,175,315 to Holton ("Holton") in view of Greene et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed on the grounds that Holton includes no teaching or suggestion to modify the structure of the lactam as proposed by the Examiner and that Greene et al. teaches away from the use of methyl methoxyethyl as claimed the present invention.